

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 74 are in this application.

Applicants have canceled claims 1 to 29 which are directed to an interconnect structure.

Applicants have amended claims 41, 42, 59, 61, 66, 70, 73 and 74 by deleting the trademarks and correcting minor typographical errors.

Applicants have added new claim 75.

Claims 30 to 75 are pending in this application.

Applicants have amended the specification to provide proper cross reference information relating to the present Divisional Application and to update other cross reference information to related applications.

Applicants have also amended the specification where trademarks SiLK™, GX-3p™, HOSP™, HOSP BESt™, ENSEMBLE™ Etch Stop, ENSEMBLE™ Hard Mask first appear in the specification.

Applicants have capitalized the trademarks where possible and added descriptive generic terminology to the trademarks.

The trademarks, as amended, read as follows:

SiLK™ dielectric material, GX-3p™ dielectric material, HOSP™ Dielectric Etch Stop, HOSP BESt™ Dielectric Etch Stop, ENSEMBLE™ Dielectric Etch Stop and ENSEMBLE™ Dielectric Hard Mask.

Trademarks GX-3p™, SiLK™ and BESt™ include both capitalized and lower-case letters in the trademark itself and, as such, the combination of capitalized and lower-case letters in the trademark is kept intact to preserve the integrity of these trademarks.

The present amendments are believed to place the claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of the present application and allowance of the pending claims.

An early issuance of a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

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